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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to comment on proposed rules and regulations on radio broadcasting by the FCC, MB Docket No. 04-233. I must comment on a few areas of importance, including the freedom of religion and speech, how these regulations will adversely affect smaller, Christian-friendly stations, and how it is making unnecessary changes which will inadvertently place burdens on stations.

First of all, the FCC's regulations will negatively affect the content on Christian and family-friendly stations. Regulations which will make it necessary/possible to make space and time available for different and opposing views, making what is being aired on stations somehow managed by anyone with enough mind and interest to place their hands upon it, can and likely will be detrimental to Christian stations. I listen to my local Christian stations because of the content NOT found on it. I do not have to worry about foul language, advertisements for precarious products such as alcohol and tobacco, nor do I have to worry about hearing about political issues I would rather not hear about. As a college student at a secular university, I gain more than enough secular knowledge on a daily basis. It is only fair that those of us who choose to live this way have a safe place to turn to.

With these regulations, allowing content with opposing views is attacking the safe haven of Christian and family-friendly broadcasting. When I have children, I most certainly do not want to allow them to listen to "Christian" radio which is required by law to broadcast pro-abortion, pro-atheist, pro-alcohol, or any other secular messages depending on community interest. With the attack against Christianity these days, whether it be in books, television, at schools, or by other methods, I am absolutely certain these regulations will lead to an attack on Christian and family-friendly radio. For the sake of freedom of speech and religion, consider keeping stations as they are—free to choose what they want to air. These regulations are absolutely unnecessary.

Also, these regulations will place burdens on stations which will be unnecessarily detrimental to stations. While my understanding of the regulations text is perhaps flawed, as I am not well versed in this sort of context, I believe the new regulations, including required staffing and forced relocations, will harm smaller stations, especially Christian and family-friendly stations. The stations I listen to are listener-supported—they are funded almost entirely by listener contributions. Forcing a greater financial burden on stations such as these places a greater burden on listeners. Otherwise, there becomes the need for unnecessary advertising. As we have come so far without these regulations, I fail to see the need for them at this point in time.

In conclusion, while this letter is brief, I hope I have voiced enough concern in order to help you reconsider these unnecessary regulations. I am an advocate of freedom of speech and religion—please do not limit how truly free stations are when it comes to both.

Sincerely,

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